dispensing capacity of the CNG stations, by the end of September, 2001, is expected to increase to around 4.40 lakh kilograms per day from the present capacity of around 2.20 lakh kilograms per day. This is sought to be achieved by increasing the number of CNG stations from the present number of 74 to 87, and by increasing the number of compressors by 14, of which 9 are being air-lifted.

The overall availability of natural gas at the national level is not likely to improve in near future. However, requirement of natural gas of IGL to the above mentioned extent will be met.

Utilisation of hydro power

†*410. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to form a Ganga Board to utilise the hydro power between Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh in which the Central Government would also be a major party;

(b) whether Uttaranchal, like Himachal, will also have the right to fully utilise the water in hilly areas above the plains; and

(c) whether this board will only regulate matters like Ganga and Sharda Nehar, the entire water of which is being utilised by Uttar Pradesh; if not, whether this would be violation of rights of the States on water and land?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (c) Section 80 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000 provides for constitution of Ganga Management Board by Central Government for administration, construction, maintenance and operation of projects on (i) Ganga and its tributaries traversing the States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal excluding upper Yamuna River upto Okhla and (ii) Upper Yamuna River and its tributaries upto Okhla for any of combination of the following purposes, namely (i) irrigation, (ii) rural and urban water

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

supply, (iii) hydro power generation, (iv) navigation, (v) industries. As per the Act, the Ganga Management Board shall have representative from Central Government and States of Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh. The functions of the Board shall be to regulate the supply of water and power generated from the projects on (i) Ganga and its tributaries traversing the States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal excluding upper Yamuna River upto Okhla and (ii) Upper Yamuna River and its tributaries upto Okhla.

A proposal for constitution of Ganga Management Board as provided in the Act has been discussed by Central Water Commission with the States of Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh on 27.4.2001 where in it was decided that Government of Uttaranchal would send a draft notification for constitution of Board containing their views to Government of Uttar Pradesh for their consideration. The shares of the basin States in the waters of Ganga are not determined.

Investigation against Ranbaxy

*411. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 24th April, 2001 entitled "Ranbaxy sacks UK subsidiary brass for financial bungling";

(b) whether the matter had been referred to FERA and CBI for investigation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The news-item which had actually appeared in the Economic Times dated April 23, 2001, and had come to the notice of the Enforcement Directorate, which has called for details from the relevant financial institutions and brokers.